DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2012-0385; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-23]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Reidsville, GA, and

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Vidalia, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E Airspace at Reidsville, GA.

Separation of existing Class E airspace surrounding Swinton Smith Field at
Reidsville Municipal Airport, Reidsville, GA, from the Class E airspace of Vidalia
Regional Airport, Vidalia, GA, has made this action necessary to enhance the
safety and airspace management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at
the airport. This action also changes the names of both airports and updates

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, January 10, 2013. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

the airport's geographic coordinates.

History

On July 5, 2012, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal Airport, Reidsville, GA, to accommodate the separation of existing Class E airspace surrounding Vidalia Regional Airport, Vidalia, GA, (77 FR 39653) Docket No. FAA-2012-0385. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Geographic coordinates for both airports also are adjusted.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA

Order 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which
is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace
designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the

Order.

The Rule

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal Airport, formerly Reidsville Airport, Reidsville, GA, and amends Class E airspace at Vidalia, Regional Airport, formerly Vidalia Municipal Airport, Vidalia, GA, to provide the controlled airspace required to accommodate the separation of existing Class E airspace surrounding Vidalia Regional Airport. Geographic coordinates for both airport are adjusted to be in concert with the FAAs aeronautical database. This

action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore, (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority.

This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes controlled airspace surrounding Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal Airport, Reidsville, GA and amends controlled airspace at Vidalia Regional Airport, Vidalia, GA,

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71:

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

Adoption of the Amendment:

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71 -- DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2012, effective September 15, 2012, is amended as follows: Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASO GA E5 Vidalia, GA [Amended] Vidalia Regional Airport, GA

(lat. 32°11'34"N., long. 82°22'16"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Vidalia Regional Airport.

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ASO GA E5 Reidsville, GA [New]

Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal Airport, GA (lat. 32°03'32"N., long. 82°09'06"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of the Swinton Smith Field at Reidsville Municipal Airport.

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